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To: Local Health Directors  
Attention: Family Planning Coordinators

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Subject: Distribution of Oral Contraceptive Pills to Medicaid Patients by Health Departments

This memorandum is to provide clarification for the following question that was asked during a recent regional Family Planning Waiver training session:

Question: Do Health Departments still need to provide oral contraceptive pills (OCPs) to Family Planning Waiver Medicaid patients or may they write prescriptions for Medicaid patients including Family Planning Waiver patients?

Answer: Health departments should continue to provide OCPs to Medicaid recipients, including Family Planning Waiver recipients. Prescriptions should not be given to the patient. Medicaid reimbursement rates to health departments for an annual family planning examination include the cost of oral contraceptive pills for a year.

The appropriate Preventive Medicine codes for billing annual family planning examinations for Family Planning Waiver recipients are 99385, 99386, 99395 or 99396.

Note: Family Planning Medicaid reimbursement rates to health departments are being reexamined in light of the recent price increases for oral contraceptive pills.

If further information is needed, please contact your Women's Health Branch Regional Nurse Consultant or email the Division of Medical Assistance at [DMA.BESMART@ncmail.net](mailto:DMA.BESMART@ncmail.net).

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